

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee began markup of S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, November 4.

INCREASING HEALTH COSTS FACING SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine increas-

ing health costs facing small businesses, after receiving testimony from Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Art Cullen, The Storm Lake Times, Storm Lake, Iowa; Walter Rowen, Susquehanna Glass, Columbia, Pennsylvania; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, DHE Consulting, LLC, Arlington, Virginia; Karen Bender, Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Jonathan Gruber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 3986–4013; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 207; and H. Res. 886–887 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 884, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3639) to amend the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 to establish an earlier effective date for various consumer protections (H. Rept. 111–326) and

H. Res. 885, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2868) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend, modify, and recodify the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities (H. Rept. 111–327).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Blumenauer to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:15 a.m. and reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Ger-

many. The House reconvened at noon, and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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Joint Meeting to receive Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. She was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, DeLauro, Berman, Slaughter, Delahunt, Carnahan, McMahon, Boehner, Cantor, Pence, McCotter, McMorris Rodgers, McCarthy (CA), Dreier, Ros-Lehtinen, Wilson (SC), and Poe; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Kerry, Merkley, McConnell, Kyl, Alexander, Murkowski, Cornyn, and Thune.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, November 2nd:

Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009: H.R. 3949, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, and the Servicemember Civil Relief Act, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 835;

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift's success: H. Res. 398, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift's success, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 367 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 836; **Pages H12205–06**

Expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week: H. Res. 866, to express support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our nation in times of war and conflict, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 389 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 837; **Page H12206**

Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 3157, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 398 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 839; and **Pages H12245–46**

Honoring President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on "Dedication Day", November 19, 2009: H. Res. 736, to honor President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on "Dedication Day", November 19, 2009, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 393 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 840. **Pages H12246–47**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Calling on the President and the Secretary of State to oppose unequivocally any endorsement or further consideration of the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" in multilateral fora: H. Res. 867, amended, to call on the President and the Secretary of State to oppose unequivocally any endorsement or further consideration of the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" in multilateral fora, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 344 yeas to 36 nays with 22 voting "present", Roll No. 838. **Pages H12232–45**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H12245**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: H. Res.

641, amended, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the founding of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; **Pages H12247–49**

Condemning the illegal extraction of Madagascar's natural resources: H. Res. 839, amended, to condemn the illegal extraction of Madagascar's natural resources; **Pages H12249–52**

Calling on the United States Government and the international community to address the human rights and humanitarian needs of Sri Lanka's Tamil internally displaced persons (IDPs) currently living in government-run camps: H. Res. 711, amended, to call on the United States Government and the international community to address the human rights and humanitarian needs of Sri Lanka's Tamil internally displaced persons (IDPs) currently living in government-run camps by supporting the release of such IDPs, implementing and facilitating an independent oversight of the process of release and resettlement, and allowing foreign aid groups to provide relief and resources to such IDPs; **Pages H12252–54**

Recognizing the scourge of pneumonia, urging the United States and the world to mobilize cooperation and prioritize resources to fight pneumonia and save children's lives, and recognizing November 2 as World Pneumonia Day: H. Res. 863, amended, to recognize the scourge of pneumonia, to urge the United States and the world to mobilize cooperation and prioritize resources to fight pneumonia and save children's lives, and to recognize November 2 as World Pneumonia Day; and **Pages H12254–56**

Congratulating the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on its 40th anniversary and recognizing its significant accomplishments and contributions: H. Res. 858, to congratulate the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on its 40th anniversary and to recognize its significant accomplishments and contributions. **Pages H12256–57**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12204–05, H12205–06, H12206, H12245, H12246 and H12246–47. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 8 a.m. and adjourned at 11:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SPORTS ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "The NFL StarCaps Case: Are